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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

DERRY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Clifford Ellston and Derry Police Chief Edward B. Garone announced today that Mark T. Young, age 28, of Derry, New Hampshire, pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Concord to possessing an unregistered sawed-off shotgun.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on March 23, 2005 by Judge Paul Barbadoro. Mr. Young faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The case resulted from an investigation by the Derry Police Department of shots being fired at the Annie Oakley Trailer Park in Derry on March 17, 2004. The police discovered the sawed-off shotgun in a trailer occupied by Mr. Young and his mother.

The case was investigated by the Derry Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde Garrigan, who is the coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.